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Before KRISTA ZELE, Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 02, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal.

Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

A review of the file indicates that on March 13, 2008, Appellant filed

an Amendment After Final in response to the Final Rejection mailed

December 14, 2007. It is not clear whether this Amendment has been

considered because an Advisory Action has not been mailed indicating

whether Amendment will be entered or not entered. Clarification from the

Examiner is required.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the

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